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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

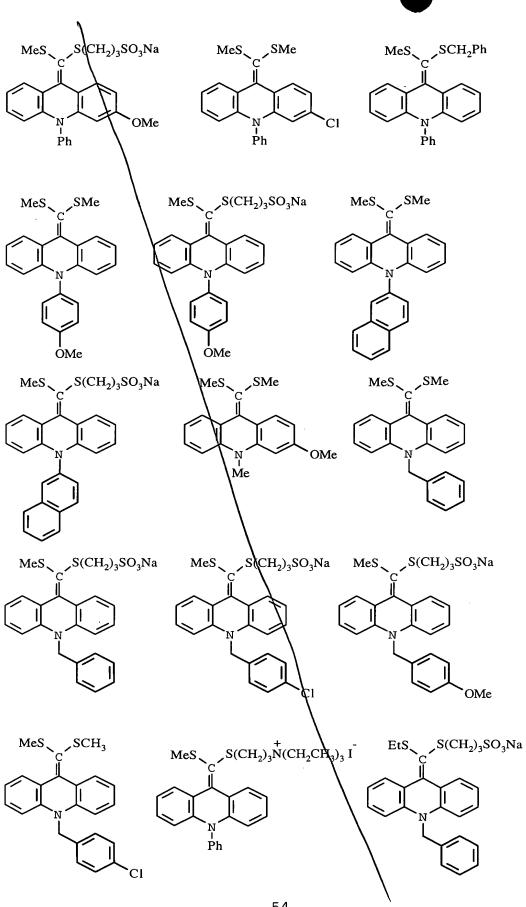
A compound of the formula:

wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl and substituted aralkyl groups of 1-20 carbon atoms and can be joined together to form a ring, each of R^4 to R^{11} is independently a substituent which can contain from 1 to 50 atoms selected from C. H, N, O, S, P, Si and halogen atoms, and R^3 is selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl and substituted aralkyl groups.

- 2. The compound of Claim 1 wherein at least one of \mathbb{R}^4 to \mathbb{R}^{11} is selected from alkyl, alkaxy, halogen, amino, or amino substituted with one or two alkyl or aryl groups and the remaining of \mathbb{R}^4 to \mathbb{R}^{11} are hydrogen.
- 3. The compound of Claim 1 wherein each of \mathbb{R}^4 to \mathbb{R}^{11} is a hydrogen atom.
- 4. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R³ is selected from methyl, phenyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl, 2 naphthyl, and p-anisyl groups.

- 5. The compound of Claim 1 wherein at least one of R¹ and R² is selected from alkyl substituted with a group selected from sulforate salt groups, sulfate salt groups, phosphonate salt groups, phosphonate salt groups, carboxylate salt groups and ammonium salt groups and phosphonium salt groups.
 - 6. The compound of Claim 5 wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group substituted with a sulfonate salt group.
 - 7. The compound of Claim 5 wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group substituted with a phosphate salt group.
 - 8. The compound of Claim 6 wherein R³ is selected from phenyl, substituted phenyl, benzyl, and substituted benzyl groups.
 - 9. The compound of Claim 7 wherein R³ is selected from phenyl, substituted phenyl, benzyl, and substituted benzyl groups.

10. The compound of Claim 1 selected from the group SMe PhCH₂S SCH₂Ph Ph_2CHS $SCHPh_2$ MeS. MeS, N I Me Mes SC₈H₁₇ MeS SCH_2CO_2Et MeS SPh N Ph Ph N I Ph SCH₂CH(OH)CH₂CH₃ MeS SCH(CH₃)₂ MeS, MeS_ N Ph N Ph N I Ph SCH₂)₃SO₃Li $LiSO_3(CH_2)_3S_C$ $S(CH_2)_3SO_3Li$ $C_8H_{17}S$ S(CH₂)₃SO₃Na N Ph Ph Ph MeS C MeS S(CH₂)₃I S(CH₂)₃SO₃Na SMe N Me N Ph OMe



11. The compound of Claim 10 which has the formula:

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